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AMM/SAM LAUNCH COMPLEX
CHEREPOVETS, USSR

1. SIGNIFICANCE: LARGE SCALE PHOTOGRAPHY PERMITS A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.
2. REMARKS: THIS COMPLEX IS ONE OF 12 AMM/SAM LAUNCH COMPLEXES THUS FAR IDENTIFIED IN THE SOVIET UNION. OTHER AMM/SAM LAUNCH COMPLEXES ARE LOCATED AT LENINGRAD, TALLINN, LIEPAJA, NIZHNIY TAGIL, SVERDLOVSK, NIZHNYAYA TURA, SARY-SHAGAN, AND KIMRY.
3. LOCATION: 8 NM ESE OF CHEREPOVETS.
4. COLLATERAL/COMINT: NONE.
5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: 
6. NEGATION DATE: 
7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: 12 KH-4 AND 2 KH-7 MISSIONS.
8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS: THE ENTIRE COMPLEX COVERS AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 537 ACRES.

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9. MISSION READOUT: THIS MISSION REVEALS THE FACILITIES TO BE IN A LATE STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE COMPLEX IS EVIDENCED BY VEHICLE TRACKS AND SNOW REMOVAL WITHIN LAUNCH SITES "A", "B", AND "C", ON THE LAUNCH AREA MAIN ROAD, AND ON SERVICE ROADS OF THE ELECTRONIC SITE. SNOW HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE AREA IN FRONT OF THE 2 REVETTED BUILDINGS IN THE POSSIBLE MISSILE HANDLING AREA. EACH LAUNCH POSITION AT SITES "A", "B", AND "C" IS OCCUPIED BY A RAIL-TYPE LAUNCHER AND 2 ADDITIONAL PIECES OF EQUIPMENT, PROBABLY DOLLIES. SIX LAUNCHERS, PROBABLY COVERED, ARE PARKED IN A ROW ALONGSIDE LAUNCH POSITIONS A-4 AND B-1. VANS OCCUPY THE REVETTED CENTER POSITIONS OF SITES "A", "B", AND "C". ADDITIONAL VANS PARKED WITHIN THE 3 SITES WILL PROBABLY EVENTUALLY BE EMPLACED AT LAUNCH SITES "D" AND "E". AN EXCAVATION IS OBSERVED AT SOME OF THE LAUNCH POINTS AT UNOCCUPIED SITES "D" AND "E" ALTHOUGH THE SITES ARE GENERALLY SNOW COVERED. SIX VANS ALIGNED IN A REVETTED AREA ARE NEWLY OBSERVED ALONG THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE LAUNCH AREA MAIN ROAD NORTH OF LAUNCH SITE "C". A RADAR SET, CONSIDERED TO BE THE SAME AS THAT OBSERVED AT OTHER DEPLOYED AMM/SAM COMPLEXES, IS SITUATED ON ELEVATED POSITIONS 1, 2, AND 3 OF THE ELECTRONIC SITE. TWO ASSOCIATED VANS ARE COLLOCATED WITH EACH RADAR. THREE GROUPS OF VANS, EACH GROUP WITH 4 VANS IN A ROW, ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE ELECTRONIC SITE. THREE VANS AND 3 SMALLER VANS/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT OCCUPY THE CENTRAL REVETTED POSITION OF THE ELECTRONIC SITE. CABLE TRACES ARE NEWLY OBSERVED

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EXTENDING TO LAUNCH SITES "A", "B", AND "C" FROM THE ELECTRONIC SITE.
A BUILDING, NOT PRESENT ON [REDACTED] IS IN A MID-STAGE OF CON-
STRUCTION AT THE EASTERN EDGE OF THE POSSIBLE MISSILE HANDLING AREA.
SEVERAL MISCELLANEOUS VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT ARE LOCATED IN THE
SUPPORT AREA NORTHWEST OF THE COMPLEX PROPER.

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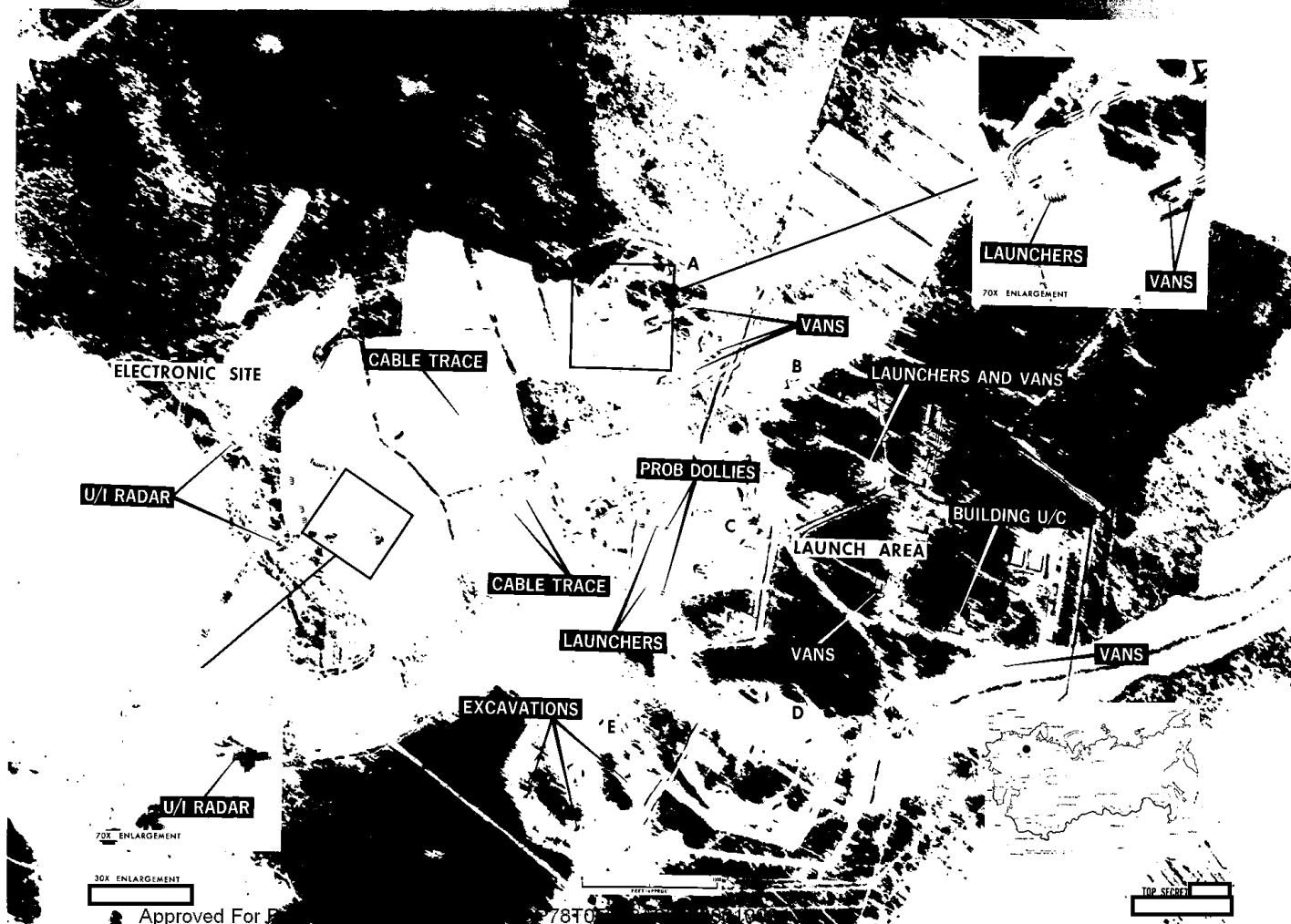
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